

Community and Congressional Affairs

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Ceremony



Celebrating...



40 years...



Celebrating 40 years of VA Voluntary Service

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National Volunteer Week April 6-12, 2014

"Thank you VA volunteers! ...On behalf of our physicians and medical staff, I thank all our volunteers for the tremendous support you provide our Veterans.
You make our medical facility a home." *Sheila Chellappa, MD., F.A.C.P. Chief of Staff*

"You are a ray of sunshine to our Veterans by sharing your time, talents and hearts with them. You have demonstrated time and again how much you appreciate the service of our Veterans and I want to let you know how much I appreciate your service to them. You play an important role in operations of our facility, and our staff is so grateful for your presence. You help support our mission and inspire our vision. You are the support we so critically need to provide the best care to our Veterans. Thank you for the many devoted hours of service you have given to our Medical Center and to our Veterans. You are the best!" *Nancy A. Schmid, RN, MS, NEA-BC Associate Director for Patient Care Services*

"all of our volunteers share one thing in common- they are driven with a patriotic verve to use their unique talents and skills toward improving Veterans' lives... Here at Coatesville VA Medical Center in 2013, approximately 800 volunteers provided more than 41,000 hours of service to Veterans and donated almost \$100,000 to thank the Veterans in our community..."

Jonathan Eckman, Acting Director

<p>★ 50 HOUR YOUTH AWARD Tyler Phillips (Youth) Sarah B. Sklenar (High School Student)</p> <p>★ 100 HOUR YOUTH AWARD John Christopher Fulco (Team River Runner)</p>	<p>★ 150 HOUR YOUTH AWARD Dihani Corn (Youth) Alicia Gauck (Octorara) Lauren Griest (Octorara) Aatif Khurshid (Youth) Alicia Lynch (Youth)</p>	<p>Kalus E. Queh (Youth) Corday Q. Roberts (Youth) Tara L. Simmons (Octorara) David Souell (Youth) Brandis M. Warren (Youth; DAV) Brianna Weaver (Octorara)</p>	<p>★ 300 YOUTH HOUR AWARD Nataya Q. Brown (Youth) Dorothy M. Mattson-McCoy (Octorara) Sondra V. Stewart (Octorara)</p>
<p>★ 100 HOUR AWARD Christian D. Abrahamsen (VA Employee) Donald O. Adams (Unaffiliated) Wayne Bair, III (Unaffiliated) Sandra M. Baker (AMVETS Aux.) Cynthia Barnes (Pet Therapy) David Beltz (Unaffiliated) Juan Bryant (Unaffiliated) Leo J. Burke (Marine Corps League)</p>	<p>Renee Collins (Unaffiliated) Brian Copeland (Unaffiliated) Stephen C. Cottrel (B.P.O.E.) Joel A. Ellis (VFW) Susan P. Ellis (VFW Ladies Aux) Francis A. Flasinski (VFW) Joy Garric (Colleges) Janet C. Getz (VFW Ladies Aux) Nicholas Gibbone (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>Rachel Givler (Colleges) Faith Ann Harkins (VFW Ladies Aux) Adam Jones (Unaffiliated) Persis Kasad (Unaffiliated) Raymond Knisely (Unaffiliated) William J. Laurento (Unaffiliated) Carlton M. Mills (Sr. Community Service Emp Prog) John Morine (American Legion) (Military Order of the Purple Heart)</p>	<p>Margaret Pineda (Order of the Eastern Star) Diane M. Ranck (VFW Ladies Aux) Arthur B. Robinson Jr. (Unaffiliated) Park Robinson (Unaffiliated) Jill Shay (Ret. Sr. Volunteer Prog) William Shields (Marine Corps League) Edward Thornton (American Legion) Frank D. Webb (Unaffiliated) Donald L. Werkheiser (Pet Therapy)</p>
<p>★ 300 HOUR AWARD Kathleen A. Adams (VFW Ladies Auxiliary) Robert C. Bell (Unaffiliated) Joseph A. Coventree (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>Norman T. Fleisher (B.P.O.E.) William E. Gentry (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.) Barbara Johnson (Vietnam Veterans of America)</p>	<p>Calvin J. Johnson Jr. (Unaffiliated) Camille A. Markward (Pet Therapy) Gerald J. Morse (Unaffiliated) Peter R. Palermo (Pet Therapy)</p>	<p>John Palka (Unaffiliated) Tiesha Reid (Unaffiliated) Ray T. Simon (Unaffiliated) Victor Terziu (Ret. Sr. Volunteer Prog)</p>
<p>★ 500 HOUR AWARD Vincent C. Bryant (Unaffiliated) Annette Dantzler-Smith (VA Employee)</p>	<p>Edward Gaudreau (American Legion) Shirley Harvey (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>Dennis R. Kukulka (Military Order of the Purple Heart) Cynthia Painter (VFW Ladies Aux)</p>	<p>David Pierce (Unaffiliated) Rosemary Schuler (Unaffiliated)</p>
<p>★ 750 HOUR AWARD Otto Blavier (Fleet Reserve Association)</p>	<p>Kay M. Croll (Marine Corps League) and (Women Marines Association)</p>	<p>Thomas M. Logan (Marine Corps League) Charles G. McMahon (VFW) (Team River Runner)</p>	<p>Woodrow T. Powell (DAV) Elizabeth B. Zanowiak (Unaffiliated)</p>
<p>★ 1000 HOUR AWARD Clifford Andrews (B.P.O.E.) Ira P. Crawford (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>Michael B. Ford (Unaffiliated) Robert E. Hayden (VFW) Paula E. Horner (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>David McGarry (Unaffiliated) Leona Sims (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.) Terrell C. Scott (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>Leon Stewart (American Legion) Rose Marie Zamorski (Marine Corps League)</p>
<p>★ 1,750 HOUR AWARD Joseph Fortune, III (Masonic Service Association) Richard A. Riccardelli (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>★ 3,750 HOUR AWARD Warren Chism (Unaffiliated) Margo B. Fitting (Unaffiliated)</p>	<p>★ 5,000 HOUR AWARD Mary Lou Burton (VFW Ladies Aux)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for serving those who have served us!</i></p>
<p>★ 7,500 HOUR AWARD Alfred P. Gerhardt (American Legion) and (DAV)</p>	<p>★ 15,000 HOUR AWARD Catherine Snyder (American Legion Aux.) (DAV) and (Marine Corps League Aux.)</p>	<p>EXCEPTIONAL HONOR MEDAL AND PIN</p>	
<p>CERTIFICATE OF HOURS & YEARS OF SERVICE This certificate is given to those volunteers who have served a minimum of 100 hours during FY 13, but have not reached the next award category:</p>	<p>Joseph J. Bonaduce <i>Knights of Columbus</i> 3 Years, 1,571 Hours MaryLou Burton <i>VFW Ladies Aux</i> 29 Years, 4,991 Hours Warren Chism <i>Unaffiliated</i> 4 Years, 3,732 Hours William Coyle <i>Unaffiliated</i> 6 Years, 2,855 Hours Carla Dixon <i>Unaffiliated</i> 12 Years, 13,178 Hours Joseph Fortune, III <i>Masonic Service Association</i> 6 Years, 1,708 Hours</p>	<p>Alfred P. Gerhardt <i>DAV</i> 8 Years, 8,297 Hrs. Titus Hertzog <i>American Legion, AMVETS</i> 24 Years, 5,683 Hours Jeffrey R. Jones <i>Unaffiliated</i> 4 Years, 1,563 Hours Charles M. Kipp <i>Masonic Service Assoc</i> 10 Years, 1,898 Hours Leo Morgan <i>AMVETS</i> 18 Years, 6,853 Hours Richard A. Riccardelli <i>Unaffiliated</i> 6 Years, 1,768 Hours</p>	<p>William J. Ristey <i>Knights of Columbus</i> 6 Years, 1,140 Hours William J. Severns <i>Vietnam Veterans of America</i> 5 Years, 2,334 Hrs. Catherine Snyder <i>American Legion Aux, DAV Aux, Marine Corps League Aux, 35 Years, 15,180 Hours</i> Walter J. Zamorski <i>Marine Corps League</i> 8 Years, 1,420 Hours</p>

Front Cover photos: *Top left:* Volunteer Recognition Luncheon *Top middle:* Nancy Schmid and Dennis Kukulka. *Top right:* luncheon guests
Center: Jonathan Eckman and Jeff Jones *Bottom left and Bottom right:* luncheon guests.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Ceremony

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US Coast Guard Aux., *Division 4*
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VFW *Post 2435 Red Rose, Columbia*
VFW *Post 1463 Lititz Springs*
VFW *Post 1690*
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Post 2435 Red Rose, Columbia
VFW Ladies Aux.,
Department of Pennsylvania

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Post 928, Herbert W. Best, Folsom
VFW Ladies Aux., *Post*
1690 Garden Spot, Lancaster
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Post 1463 Lititz Springs
VFW Ladies Aux.,
Post 7294 Millersville

★ Special Contributors – Contributions Over \$1,000

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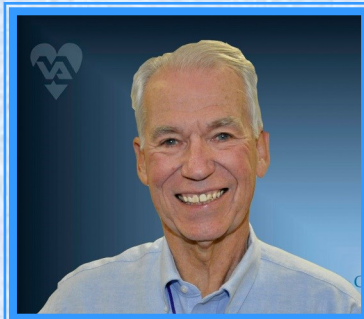
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Hazel P. Harnish Memorial Award for Excellence in Volunteering

This award was established in 1985 by the Medical Center Director to commemorate the many years of loving and dedicated service Hazel gave to the Veterans of the Coatesville VA Medical Center. When asked about her dedication to helping Veterans, Hazel remarked, "this is my life" and "these boys are my boys". For 29 years Hazel volunteered her time and services, amassing over 16,000 hours of service in boosting morale and bringing dignity, esteem and worth to the men and women she loved in this medical center.

This award is given on a highly selective basis, to a volunteer who exemplifies the highest qualities of volunteerism that Hazel demonstrated throughout her years of service.



2013 Award Recipient
Cliff Andrews

This years recipient is
Cliff Andrews.

Cliff has been volunteering at the Coatesville VA for over 6 years and has several volunteer assignments. They include: Representative on the VAVS Committee for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, he is also a member of the Executive VAVS Committee, driver for Veteran's Transportation Network, makes and sells popcorn and pretzels to support the VAVS committee fund, participates in National Salute to Veterans Week, bingos and picnics and sponsors the Annual Elks Arts and Crafts Showcase Event and is a very generous donor, continuously providing Bowling Palace Gift cards for the Veterans and sponsoring the lodging for the Annual Re-Creation showcase Event.

Youth Recognition Picnic

5th
Graders
from
Reeceville
Elementary
School



A special picnic was held at the end of the school year to acknowledge and recognize the efforts of students in community service. Each student was given a certificate of appreciation and a new backpack provided by VAVS.

5th Graders from Reeceville Elementary School participated in the "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program.

Their company was greatly appreciated by the residents of the Community Living Center.





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The VAVS newsletter has been created for all volunteers and potential volunteers of Coatesville VA Medical Center. This publication is meant to showcase the wonderful work our volunteers contribute to our Veterans here at Coatesville VAMC

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Coatesville Highlights***Winter Carnival***

Coatesville Highlights



An eclectic group of artwork were awarded blue ribbons.

Annual Elks Arts and Crafts Show



Elks representative Cliff Andrews presented the cash prizes and ribbons for outstanding art work



Music and art was provided by our local talent from VAMC making for a pleasant afternoon.



A small sampling of the wonderful art entries were available for viewing.

Happy 93rd Birthday wishes



Anna Walters



James Porrecca



Jewish War Veterans host a monthly Bingo at 59A with Jerry Tanack and friend, with newly assigned Voluntary Support Assistant, Charli Curry.

Donations



On behalf of AFSME local members, Representative Charlie Hepler donated a new Xbox One and Play Station 4 for the newly renovated Veterans game room.



Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Representative Mary Van Orden presents a monetary donation for Veterans to Voluntary Service manager, Earl Johnson and Acting Director Jonathan Eckman



David's Drive, with help from their extensive volunteer network, donated a large supply of much needed amenities for the Veterans.



Lap quilts in patriotic colors were donated for the comfort of our Veterans by Calico Cutters Quilt Guild.

New Volunteers

Please welcome them to their new assignments.

Douglas Forsythe – DAV VAVS Representative

Ted Nawalinski – Project Healing Waters

Dale Ferguson – Clothing room

Ada McLaren– Human Resources

Michael Manigly– Buddy Program

Arthur Strawbridge – Buddy Program

James Carrigan – Hospice

John Logue– Buddy Program

Kimiko Brickus – Reception, Voluntary Services

Brandon Figuroa– Team River Runner



William Kennedy– Popcorn and Pretzel sales

Dwayne Hallager– Acquisitions Summer Intern

Kenneth Seiden– DAV driver

Rhyan Bofinger–Occupational Therapy Aide

Oscar Helton– Canteen

- Don't forget to get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle
- Representatives – The next quarterly VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Meeting is Thursday, July 10th at 7pm.



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RECURRING VOLUNTEER SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

Fly Fishing Clinic @ Great hall :
Project Healing Waters

Every Tuesday

Popcorn and Pretzel Sales @ Times Square : Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Masonic Service Association

Every Tuesday

Volleyball @ Great Hall : Vietnam Veterans of America

Second Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC : Military Order of the Purple Heart

Third Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC : Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 25

Second Tuesday of the month

Social 2PM @ 59B : The Salvation Army

Every Thursday of the month

Adopt a Grandparent program : 5th grade class from Reeseville Elementary

Second Thursday of the month

Bingo Party, 2PM @ 59A : Marine Corps League

Last Sunday of the month

Brunch : Trinity Church Coatesville

Calendar of Volunteer Sponsored Activities

APRIL

Apr 2 Social 2PM @ 59B: Daughters of the American Revolution

Apr 2 Because We Care 6:30PM @ Great Hall : AMVETS

Apr 6 Open House 2Pm Great Hall : VFW district 9

Apr 7 Open House @ 59B : American Legion post 602

Apr 8 Art Show 1PM @ Great Hall : VAVS/Elks

Apr 8 Social 2 PM @ 59B : Salvation Army

Apr 13 Band Concert 2PM @ CLC : Lukens Band

Apr 14 Bingo 2PM @ CLC : Military Order of the Purple Heart

Apr 14 Trip Dinner and Bingo 4PM : American Legion

Apr 21 Bingo 2PM @ CLC : Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

MAY

May 10 Picnic/ Bingo trip 11AM : AMVETS

May 14 Vet's Cruise Trip (MH) 8:30AM : Veterans Cruise Committee

May 14 Trip Luncheon/Bingo 11AM : Knights of Columbus

May 18 Rolling Thunder/picnic 11AM @ Outdoor Area

May 18 Open House 2PM @ 59A : Elks

May 26 Memorial Day Parade Trip 9AM @ VFW Post 845 Downingtown

JUNE

Jun 2 Open House 2PM @ Great Hall : VFW Post 845 Downingtown

Jun 4 Social 2PM @ 59B: Daughters of the American Revolution

Jun 7 Millersville Trip VFW/VFWA BBQ 10:30AM @ VFW Post 7294

Jun 8 Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC : VFWA Post 845

Jun 8 Open House 2Pm @ Great Hall : VFW Post 1564

Jun 8 Open House 2:05PM @ 1B : Salvation Army

Jun 9 Bingo 2PM @ CLC : Military Order of the Purple Heart

Jun 10 Social 2PM @ 59B : Salvation Army

Jun 11 Vet's Cruise Trip 8:30AM @ 59B : Veterans Cruise Committee

Jun 15 Open House 2PM @ Great Hall : VFW Post 1690

Jun 15 Concert 2:05PM @ CLC : Lukens Band

Jun 21 Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC VFWA Post 1463

Jun 28 Fishing Trip and Picnic 10AM @ Essington Yacht Club



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